GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have lifted the ban on agriculture sector and provided export facility to farmers and traders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to provide direct information regarding the effect of global warming on agricultural products, changing monsoon, increasing heat and uncertainty of winds to the farmers;

(d) if so, whether to provide such information on a regular basis the Government propose to start an independent agriculture channel;

(e) if so, by when it would be started; and

(f): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Government has removed restrictions on farm sector for export of wheat & wheat products, grain and flour of barley, maize, bajra, ragi, jowar (excluding hybrid jowar grown as Kharif crop), butter and on all types of pulses, lentils, grams and flour made therefrom with effect from March, 2002. Registration requirement for export of non-basmati rice and the requirement of export of pulses in package of 5 kg have also been removed.

Further, the restrictions on exports of cashew to Russia, groundnut oil in 5 kg. Packs and above and agricultural seeds except cashew, jute and onion, have also been lifted with effect from 31.03.2002. The registration requirement on export of butter and wheat & wheat products have also been removed with effect from 31.3.2002.

(c) to (f): There is no definite proposal yet to set up a separate agricultural channel for making available information on agriculture and related subjects including global warming on agricultural products, changing monsoon, increasing heat and uncertainty of winds to the farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture has produced a number of video films on agricultural subjects through private film procedures empanelled with the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The films are being telecast through Doordarshan in Krishi Darshan and other sponsored Agricultural Programme.